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Dry Week Good for Harvest and Planting

Except for some cold mornings, conditions have been good for potato harvest. As of October 8, potato harvest was 61% complete, a gain of 22% from last week. Delayed by rains the previous week, farmers in North Idaho made significant progress preparing seed beds and planting fall-seeded grains. No precipitation was recorded last week, and temperatures were below normal for most weather stations. For the week ending October 8, Idaho farmers had an average of 6.8 days suitable for fieldwork. According to the Idaho Agricultural Statistics Service, major farm activities included planting winter wheat, fall field work, chopping corn silage, harvesting hay, potatoes, sugarbeets, corn for grain, pears, apples, and onions.

CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES

	2000	1999	Avg.
Onions Harvested	77	84	80
Dry Beans Harvested	94	96	91
Prunes & Plums Harvested	99	97	94
Apples Harvested	42	24	34
Sweet Corn Harvested	99	99	98
Corn Harvested for Silage	83	83	82
Corn Harvested for Grain	18	8	8

CROP REPORT

Most reports indicate potato harvest has been proceeding well, although some frost damage was reported in Bonneville County. County Extension Educators in Lincoln County reported that irrigation has ended for the season. Statewide, the fourth cutting of alfalfa hay was 94% complete. Reports indicate that topsoil moisture was 19% very short, 40% short, and 41% adequate, virtually unchanged from last week.

LIVESTOCK REPORT

Cattle have been reported in good condition, but range conditions have suffered from the long, dry summer and wildfires. Producers continue to wean, vaccinate, pregnancy check, and market livestock as they are moved to fall grazing areas. Some producers in south-central areas are letting cattle feed off the fourth hay crop growth to save on feed costs.

CONDITION INFORMATION

Percentages	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Range & Pasture	28	41	26	5	0
Potatoes	0	2	9	52	37

CROP PROGRESS REPORT PERCENTAGES FOR WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 8, 2000

Crop	North			Southwest			South-Central			East			State		
	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg	2000	1999	Avg
Winter Wheat															
Planted	58	51	53	48	30	33	82	57	64	76	77	79	68	59	61
Emerged	13	8	12	24	4	10	20	15	24	32	39	47	23	19	25
Potatoes															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	84	77	75	56	49	50	61	55	54	61	55	55
Alfalfa Hay															
Harvested (3 rd cutting)	NA	NA	NA	100	100	99	100	100	99	93	93	84	97	96	92
Sugarbeets															
Harvested	NA	NA	NA	5	8	6	28	18	20	19	28	30	23	18	18

Avg (1995-1999); NA = Very Small Percentage of Acreage in District.

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Weather Data For The Week Ending Sunday, October 8, 2000 ^{1/}

Station	Temperature ^{2/}				Growing Degree Days ^{4/}			Precipitation (Inches)				
	High	Low	Ave.	Dept. ^{3/}	40° Base	50° Base To Date	Normal	Total	Dept ^{3/}	Month of October	March 1 To Date	Normal
North												
Coeur D'Alene	66	28	48	-6	3575	1822	1843	0.00	-0.19	0.55	10.63	13.75
Lewiston	68	33	50	-7	4764	2769	2755	0.00	-0.19	0.53	8.31	7.18
Sand Point	69	24	47	-2	3200	1517	1451	0.00	-0.42	0.00	14.33	14.83
Southwest												
Boise	73	33	54	-3	5058	3075	2599	0.00	-0.16	0.00	4.46	6.14
Caldwell	73	34	53	-3	4973	2965	2889	0.00	-0.13	0.00	2.81	5.16
Emmett 5/	76	33	54	-2	4782	2822	2579	0.00	-0.18	0.00	3.88	6.04
Mountain Home	75	32	53	-3	5089	3101	2555	0.00	-0.13	0.00	3.65	5.10
Parma	77	29	53	-1	4904	2910	2422	0.00	-0.15	0.00	3.78	5.71
Weiser	75	31	53	0	5125	3116	2457	0.00	-0.17	0.00	3.09	5.11
Southcentral												
Buhl	77	30	54	0	4774	2861	2104	0.00	-0.12	0.00	3.24	5.19
Burley	76	29	54	1	4830	2886	1986	0.00	-0.12	0.00	2.80	5.46
Hill City 5/	72	18	45	-4	3252	1627	1312	0.00	-0.18	0.00	4.94	6.01
Hagerman 5/	80	28	--	--	4874	2911	2666	0.00	-0.09	0.00	3.12	4.67
Malta 5/	77	20	49	-3	4130	2306	1827	0.00	-0.07	0.00	3.12	6.08
Twin Falls	74	27	51	-2	4221	2358	1884	0.00	-0.15	0.00	4.07	5.62
East												
Aberdeen 5/	73	21	--	--	3645	1946	1600	0.00	-0.16	0.00	2.08	5.82
Grace	73	19	50	0	3664	1959	1410	0.00	-0.28	0.48	9.23	10.03
Idaho Falls	68	21	46	-4	3592	1878	1708	0.00	-0.22	0.00	5.84	6.85
Malad City 5/	76	28	54	2	4743	2965	1876	0.00	-0.27	0.00	2.72	9.07
Pocatello	72	21	48	-4	4136	2343	1976	0.00	-0.20	0.00	4.17	7.23
Rexburg	68	21	46	-4	3602	1916	1576	0.00	-0.22	0.00	1.98	8.55
Salmon	64	25	44	-7	3653	1885	1720	0.00	-0.21	0.15	1.64	7.21

1/ Weekly summary provided by the Western Regional Climate Center with data reported by the National Weather Service. When data is quality controlled by the National Climate Center the accumulated growing degree days and precipitation values are updated. 2/-- indicate missing or incomplete data. 3/ Departure from normal. 4/ Totals from March 1. Growing degree days are estimated from neighboring sites for stations with missing or incomplete data. 5/ Precipitation totals are only for days reports were received, no estimates were made for missing data.

Daily High/Low Four Inch Soil Temperatures

Station	Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Average ¹	
	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low	High	Low
Buhl	73	57	72	56	70	53	69	51	68	58	67	58	64	60	69	56
Emmett	74	67	73	62	71	62	69	60	68	59	70	43	70	60	71	59
Parma	58	57	58	56	58	56	58	57	58	56	52	50	53	51	56	55
Sandpoint	58	50	55	50	55	48	54	46	52	44	49	42	52	44	54	46
Twin Falls	69	53	64	53	63	51	60	49	60	45	53	44	51	42	60	48

1/ Averages are only for days reports were received. -- Missing or Incomplete Data.

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